

+VARSITY CHORAL SOCIETY

presents

TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS CONCERT

“Jubelmesse” by Carl Maria von Weber

and

A Program of Christmas Music

Under the direction of
Craig S. Tocher

Organist
Eric Birk

Pianists
Eric Birk
Bernadette Hoke

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--PROGRAM--
Part 1

Jubelmesse

Carl Maria von Weber (1786-1826)

Soloists

Molly Davey, soprano

April Lindevald, alto

Robert Horowitz, tenor

Jason Hendrix, baritone

Instrumentalists

Eric Birk, Organ

Anton Polezhayev and Megan Atchley, violins

Gregory Williams, viola

Daeil Yang, cello

Kageki Nagao, bass violin

Kyrie (quartet, chorus)

Gloria (soprano solo, tenor solo, quartet, chorus)

Credo (soprano solo, tenor solo, quartet)

Sanctus (quartet, chorus)

Benedictus (quartet)

Agnus Dei (alto solo)

Dona Nobis (soprano solo, quartet, chorus)

Carl Maria von Weber was a German composer, conductor, pianist, guitarist and critic, and was one of the first significant composers of the Romantic school. His "Jubelmesse" (which is also known as "Missa sancta No. 2") was composed during 1819. It is the second of two masses composed by von Weber. Since only two masses were composed by von Weber, one might assume he did not find such compositions as interesting as operas or orchestral compositions, nor as lucrative.

While little is written about the Jubelmesse, and it is infrequently performed, von Weber's interest in opera is manifest in it, with the thrilling sixteenth note runs for the soprano soloist and the dynamic contrasts contained in the piece. The Varsity Choral Society is very pleased to present what well may be the Long Island premiere of the mass.

Veni Domine (in two languages)

April Lindevald, Alto

Pietro Yon (1886-1943)

Craig Tocher, organ

O Holy Night

Robert Horowitz, tenor

Adolphe Adam (1803-1856)

Craig Tocher, organ

--INTERMISSION--

Part 2

Angels from the Realms of Glory

Arr. by Dan Forrest

Eric Birk and Bernadette Hoke, piano

Silent Night

Jason Hendrix, baritone

Arr. by Mark Hayes

Denise Puricelli, piano

Mary Did You Know

Joseph d'Angelo, tenor

Mark Lowry and Buddy Greene

Craig Tocher, piano

Sing Lullaby

/ Arr. Howard Helvey

Eric Birk and Bernadette Hoke, piano

Children Go Where I Send Thee

Nancy Morris, soprano

Trad. Spiritual / Arr. Glenda E. Franklin

Craig Tocher, piano

Lynne Stebbins, mezzo-soprano

Jan Richardson, alto

Small Christmas Tree

Jane Murphy, Soprano

Michael Head /Mona Gould

Craig Tocher, Piano

Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day

Arr. by Howard Helvey

Eric Birk and Bernadette Hoke, piano

In the Bleak Midwinter

Holst / Rosetti

Melissa Maravell, alto

The Holly Bears a Berry

Trad. Cornish Carol

Arr. by Howard Helvey

Eric Birk and Bernadette Hoke, piano

AUDIENCE SING ALONG

Led by Clyde Locke

Craig Tocher, organ

O Come All Ye Faithful, Angels We Have Heard on High, O Little Town of Bethlehem,
Silent Night, We Wish You a Merry Christmas

CHOIR PERSONNEL

SOPRANOS

Nancy Corn

Molly Davey

Jane Murphy

Nancy Morris

Lynne Stebbins

ALTOS

Carolina Capone

Linda Collins

Janice Donoghue

Susan Getting

April Lindevald

Jan Richardson

Doris Whittemore

TENORS

Joseph D'Angelo

Robert Horowitz

Albert Malafronte

Melissa Maravell

BASSES

David Barnett

Jason Hendrix

Douglas Horowitz

Clyde Locke

Douglas Stebbins

AUDIENCE SING-ALONG

O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold Him, Born the King of angels!
O come, let us adore Him, o come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see
Christ Whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Refrain

O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

How silently, how silently, the wondrous Gift is giv'n;
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His Heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him still, the dear Christ enters in.

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